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Southern District of New York*

*Federal Courthouse
300 Quarropas Street
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BY ECF

The Honorable John G. Koeltl
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

**Re: *United States v. David Espinal & Michael Castillo,*
19 Cr. 428 (JGK)**

Dear Judge Koeltl:

We write to inform the Court and defense counsel that the Government will not seek the death penalty against David Espinal and Michael Castillo in connection with the murder of Hector Arias.

Respectfully submitted,

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